

## SICKLES ASKED TO ACCOUNT TO STATE

\$27,000 of Funds for Monu-  
ment Work Said to Be  
Involved.

### COMMISSION MEETS

Members Have Nothing to  
Say About What's Said  
or Done.

### BANK SUES ON MORTGAGE

Commission's Office in General's  
House, So Members Are  
Named in Action.

There has been some talk recently  
between Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, whose  
financial and domestic troubles have  
kept him before the public, and the  
State Comptroller over a matter of  
\$27,000.

This news came out yesterday after  
the meeting of the Monument Commis-  
sion in the home of Gen. Sickles, at  
23 Fifth avenue, where the commission  
has had its headquarters for years.  
Gen. Sickles is chairman of the com-  
mission and always has been its guid-  
ing spirit. It is said, assisted by Gen.  
A. J. Zabriskie, its secretary.

The Comptroller wants an account-  
ing to the State Treasury of \$27,000 of  
money which have been appropriated to  
the commission by the State. It is  
understood that the Comptroller has  
been promised that he will get the money.

At the same time it became known  
that Gen. Sickles, his wife and the  
members of the Monument Commission  
have been named defendants in a suit  
brought by the Bowers Savings Bank  
to foreclose a mortgage of \$118,000  
on the Fifth avenue home of Gen.  
Sickles and the house adjoining it.

There was much mystery about the  
meeting of the New York Monument  
Commission, which has an office on the  
first floor, back of the rooms occupied  
by Gen. Sickles at 23 Fifth avenue.  
The commission has been in existence  
about twenty years, and its business  
has been the erection of monuments  
on Gettysburg and Chancellorsville bat-  
tlegrounds where New York regiments  
were in action. Each year the Legis-  
lature has appropriated certain sums  
for the commission.

The members present at yesterday's  
meeting were Gen. Sickles, Col. Lewis  
R. Stegman, Gen. Anson G. McKee,  
Col. Clinton Beckwith of Herkimer,  
Congressman Thomas W. Bradley of  
Walden, Gen. Horatio C. King and Gen.  
Zabriskie. Mrs. Sickles was in the  
house while the meeting was going on  
and was in the room with the commis-  
sion part of the time.

The members were disinclined to talk  
about what happened at the meeting.  
One said it was a public meeting; an-  
other said it was an executive session,  
and two or three begged off from saying  
anything about the meeting.

Gen. Zabriskie at first objected to  
telling the names of the members at  
the meeting. Then he said that he  
wouldn't call the meeting a private one  
nor would he say it was a public one.

"Talk to Gen. Sickles or Col. Steg-  
man," he said. "They'll tell you. To  
whom does the commission report?"  
To the Governor, I guess, but there hasn't  
been a report in years."

Gen. Sickles' negro attendant said  
that the General was asleep at 3:30  
o'clock. At 6:30 the General was still  
asleep, the attendant said, and even if  
he were awake he wouldn't talk about  
the meeting.

Gen. King said the commission held  
an executive session and nothing con-  
cerning its financial affairs was dis-  
cussed. When asked if Gen. Sickles  
had not been asked to refund money  
appropriated to the commission Gen.  
King said:

"That has been settled to the satis-  
faction of the Comptroller, and you  
must get from him all information on  
the subject. I decline to say a word  
about it."

When Gen. Sickles was in Albany last  
week he talked with Gov. Dix. It was  
learned from a source familiar with the  
affairs of the commission that Gen.  
Stegman had gone to the State  
Comptroller's office and had said that  
the money would be paid and that it  
would probably come from Mrs. Sickles.  
The understanding was that the money  
was to be paid by December 6, but it is  
almost certain that the Comptroller has  
not got it yet.

Col. Stegman, who has been a mem-  
ber of the commission for seventeen  
years, said that the only persons who  
would know of the financial accounts  
of the commission are Gen. Sickles and  
Comptroller Scherer.

"You see," he said, "General Sickles  
as chairman of our body has complete  
control and supervision of all funds and  
of everything that pertains to the finan-  
cial end. He even pays all the run-  
ning expenses and none of his associates  
knows how matters stand. The only  
thing we have to go by is the book  
report, the formal financial statement  
which is rendered every so often ac-  
cording to our rules. If there was a  
dispute over \$27,000 I would not know  
a thing about it. Gen. Sickles would  
have to account for it."

"All I can say is that during the  
seventeen years of my connection with  
the commission the book reports have  
shown a clean financial sheet each time.  
There has never been a suit against the  
commission in those years, and we have  
paid every liability on the minute."

"It is recalled, however, that in March,  
1895, Stanton Sickles, the General's son,  
made a statement in which he said that  
his father had come to him and told  
him he had spent \$40,000 of the com-  
mission's money and that if Stanton  
or somebody else did not make good  
the General would be in a bad fix. I  
don't recall what happened in that case,  
but I think that nothing further ever

came of it. Anyway, the General ac-  
counted to the State for all the money  
he received. You couldn't ask any more  
than that."

It was explained that the accounts  
of the commission had been mixed up  
with the General's private bank ac-  
count.

In the foreclosure suit the mortgage  
on the Sickles house is \$88,000 and the  
rest of the \$118,000 on the adjoining  
property. The members of the commis-  
sion are probably named as defendants  
because they are tenants of Gen.  
Sickles's house.

### 'MOVIE' POSTERS CAUSE ARREST.

Theatre Owner Fined for Displaying  
Crime Pictures in Street.

Philip Metz, who owns a moving pic-  
ture theatre at 142 East Fourteenth  
street, was fined \$25 by Magistrate  
Murphy in the Essex Market Court  
yesterday for displaying pictures of  
crime and violence in front of his  
theatre.

The attention of Patrolman Smith of  
the Central office squad was attracted  
on Sunday afternoon by a gaily colored  
lithograph advertising a film entitled  
"The Shadow of a Great City." The  
picture showed the villain of melodrama,  
with a curling black moustache and im-  
maculate evening dress, pointing a re-  
volver at a flaxen haired woman hang-  
ing by one arm from a bridge.

Patrolman Smith recalled section 27  
of the city ordinance, which prohibits  
the public display of any picture of a  
crime, or of any picture which might  
incite the imagination to thoughts of  
crime. He entered the theatre and ar-  
rested the proprietor.

This is the first conviction of its kind  
in New York.

## FELL DEAD IN LOFT'S STORE ON PARK ROW

Death of Coal Merchant Halts  
Large Crowds of Home-  
goers.

While buying candy in Loft's at 41 Park  
row last night Harry G. Barber, a coal  
dealer with yards at 357 Water street and  
living at 291 Clinton avenue, Brooklyn,  
was stricken with heart disease. He  
died before the arrival of a physician.

Mr. Barber was standing at the counter  
where one of the salesgirls, Miss Lowen-  
thal, had just handed him a box of candy.  
He drew some money from his pocket  
and as he was passing it to her he reeled  
and fell backward to the floor. The  
store was crowded with customers and  
the sight of the well dressed man  
struggling on the floor came near caus-  
ing a panic. The manager ordered the  
curtains raised and while those who were  
in the store were waited on no one was  
admitted until the body had been taken  
away.

A hurry call was sent to the Volunteer  
Hospital, but Mr. Barber was dead when a  
doctor came. Word that a man had fallen  
dead in Loft's spread rapidly and in a few  
moments there was a large crowd in front  
of the doors.

In the store with Mr. Barber when he  
was stricken was his stenographer, Miss  
Margaret Hart of 270 Dean street, Brooklyn.  
She went when she saw what had befallen  
her employer. She was led away by a  
friend, Miss E. Coyle of 166 Washington  
street, Brooklyn.

Mr. Barber was about 45 years old. He  
owned the business carried on under the  
name of Alfred Barber's Son, with coal  
yards in Manhattan and Brooklyn. At  
his home last night it was said that he  
had a previous attack of heart disease.

In March, 1910, Mr. Barber was ac-  
quitted of charges made against him by  
a young girl. Several years ago the city  
bought from him a plot of land on South  
Oliver street for \$194,000. It was alleged  
that he had merely offered to sell the  
land to the city for \$100,000 and that when  
he came before the condemnation com-  
missioners he committed perjury. He  
denied this charge and said that while  
he did not deny that there was graft in  
the deal he got none of it.

When Mr. Barber's clothes were ex-  
amined last night at the police station,  
where the body was taken to await the  
arrival of relatives, it was found that he  
carried a considerable quantity of jew-  
elry. His watch, pencil, stickpin, key-  
ring, cuff links and knife, all of gold, were  
plentifully set with diamonds and other  
stones.

### SLUMS CLOSE TO WHITE HOUSE.

Parity Organizations So Tell Senate  
Investigators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Representatives  
of the Woman's Christian Temperance  
Union, the World's Purely League, the In-  
ternational Reform Bureau, the Gospel  
Mission and other parity organizations  
gave to-day to the sub-committee of the  
Senate Committee on District of Columbia  
Affairs detailed information of the exist-  
ence of a red light district in the shadow  
of the Capitol. The hearing was on a bill  
introduced by Senator Kenyon of Iowa  
to wipe out the underworld district of  
Washington and was attended by half a  
hundred persons, women predominating.

Henry M. Pringle, assistant superin-  
tendent of the International Reform  
Bureau described a visit to a hotel which  
he said was used for improper purposes.  
"How far is that from the Capitol?"  
asked Senator Kenyon.

"About five minutes walk," replied Mr.  
Pringle.

Mrs. H. E. Monroe of the Gospel Mission  
declared that automobiles were seen fre-  
quently standing in front of the disorderly  
houses in the vicinity of the missions  
and that they belong to the rich men's  
sons, who brought the daughters of the  
poor to those houses.

"There are within one block of the White  
House," she said, "fourteen disorderly  
houses."

H. W. Kline, superintendent of the Gos-  
pel Mission, said:

"I have never seen anything equal to  
the row of pest houses south of Pennsylv-  
ania avenue and bordering the Botanic  
Gardens."

"How far is that from the Capitol?"  
Senator Kenyon asked.

"Not more than three minutes walk,"  
replied Mr. Kline.

### ANTI-BLIND VIOLENCE.

The reason we tell you about Anti-blind  
is because it is worth it. Lucius Brown, N. Y.

## SUFFRAGISTS TO WALK TO ALBANY AND SULZER

Women Trampers Will Ask Him  
to Push Amendment Giv-  
ing Them Votes.

### A 15 DAY PILGRIMAGE

Many Will Make the Start and  
Three Expect to Stick  
Whole Way.

The suffragists are going to tramp to  
Albany carrying a message to Gov. Sulzer.  
He isn't Governor yet, but he will be the day  
after they get there.

They expect to leave New York, at the  
subway station, Broadway and 242d street,  
Monday morning, December 10, at a quar-  
ter past 9 o'clock. Fifteen days later the  
"Votes for Women Pilgrimage" (official  
title) will enter Albany.

That will be the last day of the year, just  
in time to catch Mr. Sulzer with a petition  
that he put into his message a statement  
favoring the submission of a suffrage  
amendment to the voters in 1915.

Suffragists who don't feel like taking  
the whole 15 mile walk will join for as  
much of a jaunt as they can manage. In  
fact the pilgrimage is to be a sort of relay  
affair. But Miss Rosalie Jones, with whom  
the idea originated, expects to be a  
through pilgrim.

"I think three of us will walk all the  
way," she said yesterday. "But a good  
many will walk only one day. I have  
to-morrow on a three days trip to arrange  
the schedule. We shall not try to cover  
more than ten or twelve miles a day and  
shall hold meetings every evening at  
the town where we spend the night."

The idea was enthusiastically received  
at the various headquarters yesterday.  
Some of the women said they couldn't  
go far, but they would be on hand at  
the start and would do the first day's  
stunt. At Yonkers the first day a buffet  
luncheon will be served the pilgrims  
at the headquarters of the local suffrage  
club. The second day Mrs. Anna Ross  
Weeks will entertain the footsore hikers  
at luncheon at the country club at Scar-  
boro-on-Hudson.

Knapsacks and pilgrim's staffs will be  
sold to the trampers at the starting point.  
The knapsacks are the regulation ones  
used by the boy scouts, but they will be  
emblazoned with the "Votes for Women"  
motto. These knapsacks are to contain  
only literature for distribution, as the  
trampers intend to forward their suit  
cases each day from one stopping place  
to the next.

Miss Jones and Miss Ida Craft, who is  
to be one of the long distance pilgrims,  
will wear the white and yellow hats which  
were the official headgear in the recent  
torlight parade. Both say they are  
good walkers and that they expect to have  
no trouble keeping the pace they have  
set for themselves. Miss Craft said that  
shoes will be the most important con-  
sideration and that she is having extra  
heavy soles affixed to a walking pair so  
as to be properly fitted out.

Miss Elizabeth Freeman, who is now  
on a speaking tour up the State, will  
join the pilgrims at the second week-  
end. Local suffragists along the route will  
meet the advancing contingent and go along  
for as much of a hike as they are able.  
Some of the weaker sisters will fall back  
on the railway trains at intervals, but  
will be on hand at the stopping place to  
help with the meetings.

Each of the seven suffrage societies here  
in New York will have at least one rep-  
resentative with the pilgrimage when it  
finally comes tramping into Albany.  
Others will go on to Albany and meet  
them and sympathizers from the town  
along the route will swell the ranks. The  
right bank of the Hudson will be followed  
all the way.

One man said that he wanted to go too  
and the pilgrims have assured him that  
he will be welcome. The boy of all work  
at the State headquarters, 180 Madison  
avenue, says he is just pining to go along.  
He wants to walk all the way, but he didn't  
know yesterday whether he could re-  
main away from his important duties  
for so long.

### CALLS GUN LAW "TERRIBLE"

Justice Goff Comments in Cases of  
Two Youths.

Justice Goff had before him in the  
Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court  
yesterday two young men charged with  
carrying concealed weapons. Both  
pleaded guilty and Justice Goff asked  
Lawyer Abe Levy to question the boys  
and report.

Mr. Levy replied that one prisoner  
was Joseph Galvin, 18 years old, of  
Dorchester, Mass., who said he had  
stolen his father's revolver. The other,  
Tony Muzicatti, 24, a bartender, of 132  
East 110th street, said he had a weapon  
because he was obliged to pass through a  
dangerous neighborhood.

"This is another illustration of the  
terrible law of legislation called the  
Sullivan law," said Justice Goff. "It is  
a law that works injury to the honest  
citizen and affords no protection to the  
citizen against the crook."

The Justice remanded the prisoners  
for sentence Friday and directed a pro-  
bation officer to look them up.

### BURLAP BAG THIEF'S WARDROBE

Police Provide "Clothing" After Re-  
moval of Stolen Suit.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Frank Rice  
started to-day, clad only in a burlap bag,  
a six months' vacation trip to the work-  
house. When Rice was arraigned before  
Magistrate MacFarland he was attired  
in a stylish suit which later was identified  
by Levi Scofield, a Paterson, N. J.,  
resident. He also identified Rice as the  
man who last night led him to a local  
saloon where he could obtain "cheap  
drinks." After imbibing a few drinks  
Scofield said he was drugged.

Magistrate MacFarland ordered that  
Rice be taken to a retiring room and that  
the clothes he was wearing be given to  
Scofield. A policeman supplied the bur-  
lap bag in which Rice was attired when he  
was sentenced and in which he made the  
trip to the workhouse.

### FIRE DRIVER SPARES BUGGY.

But Engine's Tender Close Behind  
It Ramps Elevated Pillar.

An alarm of fire from Forty-fourth  
street and First avenue early yesterday  
evening took Engine 8 and tender on the  
jump from the station on Fifty-first street,  
between Lexington and Third avenues.

As Driver George Brannigan of the en-  
gine started to turn down First avenue  
he saw a white horse and buggy going  
south on that avenue. He pulled his  
horses back as hard as he could and  
turned them up on First avenue.

The engine frightened the horse on the  
buggy and he shot down First avenue,  
dragging the buggy, containing A. Zieger,  
of 343 East Forty-fifth street, and a woman  
and a baby.

Down the street a few blocks Joe Dono-  
van, Jr., son of Capt. Donovan of Engine  
8, stopped the runaway. Meanwhile the  
engine swung around to the curb without  
turning, but close behind the engine  
was the tender, driven by Alexander  
Burgart. Burgart swung his horse away  
and engine and tender crashed into an elevated  
pillar.

The pole of the tender snapped short  
and the tender itself was jammed against  
the pillar. Burgart was hurt by the im-  
pact, but clung to his horses. The five  
firemen on the tender were thrown to the  
street but were unhurt.

## WOMAN ACCUSED OF MANY ROBBERIES BREAKS JAIL

Had Been Awaiting Trial Since  
Spring in Riverhead, L. I.,  
Prison.

A woman who has been confined in  
the new \$250,000 county jail at River-  
head, L. I., since last spring awaiting  
trial on an indictment for robbing Miss  
Helen Lowell, an actress in "The Red  
Petticoat" company now playing at  
Daly's Theatre, escaped either Sunday  
or yesterday.

Her disappearance has recalled to the  
minds of many persons in this city, Mr.  
Vernon, N. Y., Asbury Park, N. J., and  
Chicago a Mrs. Esther Harris, who was  
known as Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, and  
who represented herself as an agent for  
the Authors Club of Chicago, in which  
guise she is said to have secured sub-  
scriptions from wealthy women for  
starting suffrage papers in the various  
cities where she operated. Mrs. Julia  
F. Baker, a wealthy and aged woman  
of Mr. Vernon and Mrs. Laura L.  
Boughton, also elderly and well to do  
of Asbury Park, were sorry to hear that  
Esther Harris had walked out of jail.

Mrs. Boughton says the woman  
secured \$1,700 from her on false pre-  
tenses and Mrs. Baker is said to have  
lost some jewelry and money in the  
same way. The trial of the Harris  
woman was set for Thursday of this  
week.

Miss Lowell and Mrs. Daisy G. Arm-  
strong of this city have a farm together  
at East Northport, L. I. In the fall  
of 1911 they advertised for a house-  
keeper and Esther Harris got the job.  
She was a gem for a month and then  
one day she disappeared, taking with  
her, it is charged, \$110 in cash, a \$300  
fur coat, four diamond rings and  
clothes worth \$1,500. In May of this  
year Mrs. Armstrong met her on Broad-  
way and caused her arrest. She was  
later indicted in Suffolk county and put  
in the jail there.

Her escape was made with a key that  
fitted all the locks, and she left in an  
automobile, taking with her all her  
clothes and the typewriter she had in  
her cell. Ralph C. Green, District  
Attorney of Suffolk, is investigating the  
escape and may bring charges against  
Sheriff Melville C. Brush. Mrs. Harris  
had many privileges in the jail, where  
she had gained the confidence of all.  
She was 45 years old and was very  
well educated, her business being that  
of a writer.

After Mrs. Armstrong and Miss  
Lowell had caused Mrs. Harris' arrest  
they found she had been stopping in an  
expensive suite at the Woodward  
Hotel, Broadway and Fifty-fifth street.  
In her trunks was found some of the  
property taken from the actress to-  
gether with fifteen pieces of jewelry  
which belonged to Mrs. Baker, with  
whom she had lived in Mt. Vernon as a  
housekeeper.

Further investigation showed that  
Mrs. Harris went to Mrs. Clark's board-  
ing house at 601 Asbury avenue, As-  
bury Park, on March 1 of this year,  
and gave her name as Mrs. Elizabeth  
Wells of California. She said she was  
a writer and represented the Chicago  
Authors Club and also the Chicago  
Theatre. She said she had been start-  
ing a suffragette paper, but dis-  
appeared one day with all the collec-  
tions.

Mrs. Harris-Wells' next appearance  
was in New York. Here she interested  
many local suffrage leaders in her  
story and is said to have secured a good  
deal of money before she dropped out,  
to reappear again as Esther Harris, house-  
keeper for Miss Lowell and Mrs. Arm-  
strong.

### LEGS MEASURED IN COURT.

Man Who Makes Living by Praying  
Sues Subway.

A man who says he is at the head of a  
new religion has his legs measured in the  
Supreme Court yesterday. The man is  
F. William Winter of 2110 Bryant avenue,  
The Bronx, who is suing the Interborough  
for \$10,000 damages for injuries he says he  
received in a collision in the subway in  
1909. The railroad didn't know Winter  
but he explained that he didn't leave his  
home because he didn't know he was  
hurt. When he got home he had to hire  
an Italian to carry him upstairs, he said.  
Winter declared that he has made \$250  
a year from practising medicine, but his  
chief income has been \$2,500 a year from  
prayer. He has no church but he re-  
ceives letters asking for prayers and en-  
closing money.

Testimony as to whether the clergy-  
man's legs have grown shorter since the  
accident resulted in an order from the court  
to have both legs measured in the jury  
room. The lawyers reported that both  
were of the same length. The case was  
not finished.

### HE REDUCED 55 POUNDS.

New Method of Flesh Reduction Proves  
 Astonishingly Successful.

Johnstown, Pa.—Investigation has fully es-  
tablished that H. T. Steller, of this city, has  
reduced his weight 55 pounds in an in-  
credibly short time by wearing a simple, in-  
visible device, weighing less than an ounce. This  
device, as directed, acts as an inflexible flesh re-  
ducer, dissolving entirely with dieting, medicine,  
and exercises. Many prominent men and women  
have adopted this easy means of reducing super-  
fluous flesh, and it is stated the inventor, Prof.  
J. S. Burns, of No. 17 West Thirty-eighth street,  
New York, is sending these builds on free trial  
to all who write him.

## CALLS PULITZER ESTATE GROSSLY UNDERVALUED

Surrogate Estimates News-  
papers at \$19,000,000 In-  
stead of \$4,139,172.

### APPRAISAL IS REJECTED

Cohalan Calls for Evidence to  
Safeguard the State's  
Interest.

Surrogate John P. Cohalan refused  
yesterday to approve the report of Trans-  
fer Tax Appraiser Joseph I. Berry on  
the estate of Joseph Pulitzer, on the  
ground that the estate was "grossly  
undervalued." The Surrogate also said:

"It would seem that an effort might  
at least be made by the attorney for the  
State Comptroller to provide evidence  
sufficient to sustain a finding that would  
remove the suggestion that the interests  
of the State of New York have not been  
properly protected in a matter of such  
importance as the appraisal of the estate  
under consideration."

Appraiser Berry estimated the value  
of the estate at \$18,525,116. He estimated  
Mr. Pulitzer's interest in the Press Pub-  
lishing Company, owner of the New York  
World and Evening World, at \$3,016,455  
and his interest in the Pulitzer Pub-  
lishing Company of St. Louis, publishing  
the Post-Dispatch, at \$1,115,717.

Surrogate Cohalan declares in his  
opinion rejecting the report that the  
valuation of Mr. Pulitzer's interest in  
his newspapers and the three shares  
held by the publishing companies in  
the Associated Press have been under-  
valued to the extent possibly of many  
millions of dollars.

The Surrogate figured that on a 5 per  
cent. basis of earning power the holdings  
of the Pulitzer estate in the Press Pub-  
lishing Company should appraise upward  
of \$11,000,000, instead of \$3,016,455, while  
the holdings of the estate in the Pulitzer  
Publishing Company on the same basis  
of earning power should be upward of  
\$8,000,000, instead of \$1,115,717. This  
would make the estate's interest in the  
three newspapers over \$19,000,000, instead  
of \$4,139,172.

Surrogate Cohalan said that the af-  
fidavit of N. H. Botsford, auditor of the  
Press Publishing Company, in the ap-  
praisal proceeding put the net profits  
for the company for the four years ending  
1911 at \$2,251,321. From this net total  
there was deducted \$105,000, alleged to  
have been paid as bonuses to employees  
of the newspapers. The Surrogate said  
it was not shown whether these bonuses  
were gifts or contractual obligations.

The Surrogate said that assuming the  
bonuses to have been voluntary con-  
tributions to the employees, "in my  
opinion they have been erroneously de-  
ducted."

Accordingly, the Surrogate says, the  
net profits should have been fixed at  
\$2,251,321, instead of \$2,146,321, which  
would make the average net profit for  
each of the four years preceding the date  
of Mr. Pulitzer's death \$563,830, instead of  
\$438,436 as reported by Appraiser Berry.

The affidavit of James T. Keller, auditor  
and treasurer of the Pulitzer Publishing  
Company, estimated the total net profit  
for four years at \$1,633,837, or an average  
of \$408,459 a year.

The shares in the Associated Press held  
by each newspaper were appraised at their  
face value of \$1,000 a share, but the Surro-  
gate points out that the only testimony  
as to their value was given by Melville E.  
Stone, general manager of the Associated  
Press. The Surrogate believes that a  
newspaper's membership in the Associated  
Press is worth more than \$1,000.

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